

Atty. Dkt. No. 039153-0363 (F0804)

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow. Claims 5-8, 14, and 18 have been cancelled. Accordingly, Claims 1-4, 9-13, 15-17, and 19-20 are pending in the present application.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner stated:

The reply filed on June 20, 2003 is not fully responsive to the Prior Office Action dated on Jan. 28, 2003 because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant stated that claims 1-20 read on the elected species III, the examiner disagrees because only claims 1-4, 9-10, 11-13, 15-17 and 19-20 read on this particular species (claims 5-8, 14 and 18 read on the non-elected species I, II, and IV). Furthermore, applicant also elected Species I, claims 5 and 14 read on this species (claims 1-4, 9-13, 15-17 and 19-20 are generic to Species I). Note: Applicant should elect one species only (either species I or III, NOT both). See 37 CFR 1.111.

The Applicants hereby elect species III. By this amendment, Claims 5-8, 14, and 18 have been cancelled. It is submitted that pending Claims 1-4, 9-13, 15-17, and 19-20 read on species III.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application (e.g., if the Examiner deems that the present response is not fully responsive).


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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Respectfully submitted,

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